

Mount Morris Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Town Hall

ATTENDANCE

- Supervisor:** David DiSalvo
- Deputy Town Supervisor:** Deputy Supervisor Don Huff
- Councilmembers:** Nate Guzzardi, Joseph Rawleigh
- Excused:** Councilmember Jeff Coniglio
- Others Present:** Acting Highway Superintendent Milton Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Grasby, Assessor Brian Knapp, Town Clerk Chelsey Woodworth, MEO Spencer DiSalvo
- Public:** Karl and Johnna Schrier, Pete DiSalvo, Gretchen Saunders, Matthew Scully, Chad Woodworth, Tom Yorks, Crik Christophel

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor DiSalvo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor DiSalvo asked for review of the minutes from prior meetings. No corrections were offered.

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 Special Meeting.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

NY CLASS AGREEMENT

Supervisor DiSalvo explained that, after research and consultation with financial advisors, he was introduced to NY CLASS, a cooperative financial program for municipalities. He noted that if the Town deposited funds received from the solar project, the account could generate an average return of about \$2,000 per month, with a quick two-day turnaround if funds were needed. He emphasized that other towns and schools, including Avon and Geneseo, already participate and have had positive results.

Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff to establish a NY CLASS account for the Town of Mount Morris and transfer the solar project funds into the account.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

NOISE ORDINANCE

Supervisor DiSalvo introduced the draft Noise Ordinance and explained that it would be forwarded to the County and the Planning Board for review. A public hearing was proposed for the next regular meeting. Discussion included questions about enforcement authority — whether the Sheriff’s Department and State Troopers could enforce a town code, and whether the law would be prosecuted locally or by the District Attorney. Code Enforcement Officer Grasby clarified that the Town Attorney would be responsible for prosecution of violations, as the District Attorney does not handle local laws.

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Noise Ordinance for September 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM, and to forward the draft ordinance to the County and Planning Board for review.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

AMBULANCE DISCUSSION

Trevor Martin, representing the Mount Morris Ambulance, provided a detailed report on the status of the Town’s two ambulances. Both are 2020 models, each with over 100,000 miles, and are experiencing costly repairs, including exhaust manifold and catalytic converter issues, with repairs costing \$5,000–\$7,000 at times.

He explained that replacing both units with 2026 models would cost approximately \$240,000, with an additional \$10,000 for lettering and stretcher mounts. The current units could likely be sold for \$40,000–\$50,000 each on the used market, with “Ambulance Trader” being one avenue for resale. Martin noted that ordering now would mean delivery by early 2026, and payment obligations would not begin until 2027, giving the Town time to plan for financing. He cautioned that replacing only one ambulance this year would result in overuse of the new vehicle, accelerating wear. Supervisor DiSalvo said he would present the financial information to the Town’s advisors before a decision is made. Deputy Supervisor Huff also suggested exploring the option of operating as an independent ambulance service, which could provide additional funding streams, although subsidies from the Town would still be required. No motion was made; the matter was tabled pending further review.

WATER CONTRACT

The Town & Village water contract discussion was tabled, as Attorney Russell was not present.

ASSESSOR REAPPOINTMENT

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to reappoint Brian Knapp as Town Assessor effective October 1, 2025 for a six-year term expiring September 30, 2030.
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0
Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor DiSalvo reported that budget work would begin shortly with Terri, and the Town is waiting for vendor fee submissions.

Ambulance calls: 101 total, 70 covered.

Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh to approve the Supervisor’s Report for the month of July.
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0
Motion Carried

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR HUFF

Highway: Acting Superintendent Smith reported that Union Corners work was finished and will be funded under CHIPS. Cleveland Road has been completed, Ridge is nearly done, and Creek Road will follow. Frost and Hoagland roads will be repaired with solar funds.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZZARDI

Cemetery: Reported on the Flower City tree removal quote, including two declining maples and three dead ash trees.
Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve the Flower City Tree Removal quote of \$8,450 for removal of five cemetery trees.
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0
Motion Carried

He also discussed the large purple beech tree, noting its historic value and high removal cost, suggesting phased limb removal to preserve it for now.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLEIGH

Planning & Zoning: Reported progress on a short-term rental law, review of a dog law to forward to attorneys, and ongoing review of applications by the Planning Board.

Reported on a DEC complaint about wood chips being dumped at Roses Sandpit.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER GRASBY

- Reported a new home construction permit issued on Cleveland and Dutch Street Road.
- Reiterated that prosecution of the Noise Ordinance would require the Town Attorney.
- Announced EDF’s “Share the Sun Fund” disbursements: \$10,000 to the library, \$5,000 to CIA, and \$5,000 to Nunda Kiwanis. The board overseeing the fund currently has two members and is seeking additional applicants.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk Woodworth reported that the Verizon Cell Tower Escrow account was opened, with two outstanding invoices requiring approval.

Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to authorize payment of MRB invoice (\$3,086.60) and William P. Johnson Consultant invoice (\$4,536.80) from the Verizon Cell Tower Escrow Account.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Reported that Doug Welch had purchased a \$40 sign for the Boy Scout-maintained road and requested reimbursement.

Motion by Supervisor DiSalvo, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff to reimburse Doug Welch \$40 for the Boy Scout road sign.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Announced that the Garden Club is seeking \$10,000 to rehabilitate the Pocket Park, with plans to seek donations. Board said they will have to see what they will have in the budget.

Requested approval to send a letter to NYSDOT regarding road maintenance responsibilities for snow & ice.

Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff to authorize the Town Board to sign and send a letter to NYSDOT declining maintenance of Route 408 and most of Route 36, except from B Road north to River Bridge.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Shared invitation from the Mount Morris Fire Department for Town Officials to attend the **9/11 Ceremony** on September 11, 2025 at 9:11 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Code Enforcement reported status of illegal auto repair operation on Route 408; letters were sent.
- Public comments included concerns about road conditions (Creek Road, Swanson’s area), barns under construction, and possible road damage from heavy farm equipment.
- Chad Woodworth raised the question of placing a moratorium on manure lagoons until the Board and attorney could further research the matter. Supervisor DiSalvo advised consultation with NYS Ag & Markets and the town attorney.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS – ABSTRACT 8, YEAR 2025

- **General A (Vouchers 184-211):** \$45,601.16
Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **General B (Vouchers 51-59):** \$3,737.91
Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **Highway DA (Vouchers 69-74):** \$10,548.67
Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **Highway DB (Vouchers 9-11):** \$18,852.92
Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi
Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **SR Refuse (Voucher 17):** \$1,396.93
Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0

Motion Carried

- **SS Sewer (Voucher 15):** \$54.76

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0

Motion Carried

- **SW Water (Voucher 21):** \$85.00

Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh,) | No 0

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to enter Executive Session for personnel matters at 6:50 PM.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff to exit Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Actions Taken from Executive Session:

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi to increase MEO Spencer DiSalvo's pay to 100% of the MEO rate.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh to increase Rich Mogavero's pay to the full MEO rate.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Deputy Supervisor Huff to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk